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FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for  
continued examination of a utility or plant application  
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/488,286
Filing Date	January 20, 2000
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Group Art Unit	2613
Examiner Name	VO, Tung T.
Attorney Docket Number	450100-02293

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8  
1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on October 28, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of  
suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of **\$880.00** is enclosed for the following:
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) : 12/04/2003 SDEHB081 00000057 09488286
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:1801 770.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_ 02 FC:1251 110.00 OP
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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